

BOOKS

THAT LITTLE STORY A NOX.

Fireman Heath Not Drowned, but In Camping Out.

His Wife Anxious to Discover the Alleged Joker.

Mrs. John H. Heath, of 427 Atlantic avenue, Brooklyn, received a postal card today from her husband which states that Heath and Fitch Lattbridge are camping out at Atlantic Highlands and that they are all right. Heath invites his wife to spend the day with him at the Highlands to-morrow.

Heath is engineer of engine No. 26, Brooklyn, and Lattbridge has a store on Atlantic avenue.

A bottle was picked up yesterday on the beach at Coney Island which contained a note and some keys. The note, which was signed "Heath and Lattbridge," stated that the men had been run down by a car and were lying on the beach, waiting for a boat to take them to the Highlands from Brooklyn.

The keys were said to belong to Heath's wife, in the house of engine No. 26, in State street.

Fireman Doolley said this morning that from the description of the keys he was positive that they had no connection with the Lattbridge family.

Heath has been in a state of exceedingly nervousness since he heard the story of the Lattbridge family.

Today that she believed the whole story a cruel hoax. She is anxious to learn the names of the men who were said to be in practical joking as to nearly scare the lives out of women and children.

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READY TO RAISE CURTAINS.

Attractions Secured for 1894-5 by Brooklyn Managers.

Theatres Renovated in Preparation for the Season.

The work of housecleaning which has been going on in the Brooklyn theatres during the summer months is about completed, and everything is now in readiness for the opening night of the season of 1894-5.

All the managers, in anticipation of a prosperous season, have arranged for some new attractions, which will be well received by the Brooklyn theatre-goers, and which are bound to be successful.

THE COLUMBIA.
The Columbia Theatre has been thoroughly renovated, and will open Monday evening, Aug. 27, with "The Passing Show," which will remain for one week. During the season, the attractions at the Columbia will include John Drew, in his latest comedy, "Christopher, Jr.," Mr. and Mrs. Kendal, the Lyceum Theatre Company, Francis Wilson's Company in "The Devil's Deputy," "Charley's Aunt," "Bowing the Wind," "Dr. Syntax," by the De Wolf Hopper Company, E. H. Sothern, Edward Harrigan in a new play and also Roland Reed in a new play.

THE BIJOU.
The new Bijou Theatre will begin its second season next Saturday evening with "Fantasma" as the initial play. Many novel features have been introduced in this place. For two months a number of the Biou Theatre has been working making preparations for the production of "Fantasma."

During the summer, Manager Kennedy has been making new arrangements in the theatre for the comfort of his patrons. The Biou Theatre has been changed so that every seat commands a view of the stage. He has also prepared a number of new attractions for the coming season, the most conspicuous of which will possibly be Steve Brodie, the little fellow playing around a bonfire in front of her home, 62 Clinton street, when her dress caught fire. She ran through the street, wrapped in flames, screaming.

Patrolman Tate heard the child's cries and ran to her aid. He threw off his coat, and, wrapping it around the little one, ran with her in his arms to the nearest sidewalk where he telephoned for an ambulance.

Tate was burned about the hands and feet. The child was removed to St. Peter's hospital.

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SHE DISOBEYED IN THE COURT.

Bride and Groom Make a Coney Island Justice Blush.

Lightning Change Artists Who Insisted on Being Married.

(Special to The Evening World.)
CONEY ISLAND, N. Y., Aug. 18.—There was an amusing scene in the West Brighton Police Court this morning that caused Justice Fennerty to blush and set the audience in a roar of laughter. The "bride" had been disposed of at 10 o'clock when an stout couple rushed into court, marched arm in arm and stood before the Judge's desk.

"Judge," spoke the woman, "we came here to get married, and we don't care how soon you perform the ceremony."

"Are you ready now?" asked the Justice, casting his eyes quickly over the couple who looked as though they had just tumbled out of bed and had fallen into their clothing.

Quicker than the Judge could wink the woman dressed in the side, and off fell the old solid calico skirt and waist.

For a moment the Judge believed that the woman had dropped her outer garments accidentally, and covered his face with his hands and blushed, while the audience stood up, craning their necks, and roared with laughter.

When the Justice turned his hands he was greatly surprised to see the couple standing before him in stage costumes. The woman dressed in white satin gown, trimmed with silver beads and cut at the neck and back to the waist. The man wore a tuxedo, with a white shirt and a black bow tie.

"Justice was about to say something about the couple hanging their costumes in open court, when the woman suddenly shouted: 'We are ready now!'"

"Judge, you don't mind us changing here?" "I very well now," replied the Judge, "but had you spoken about the change of your dress, I would have allowed you my private office."

The couple then gave their names as Charles Henry Gorman, aged thirty-four, a widower, and Charlotte Jane McKenzie, aged thirty-three, a widow. They were married in New York City, and were now in Coney Island for a change of scene and to see the new attractions.

The Grand Opera House, which was being renovated, and the interior decoration will probably be a surprise to the audience. The new attractions include a number of new plays, and a number of new artists.

During the ceremony the newly wedded couple were asked to read the vows. The bride read the vows, and the groom replied. The Justice then pronounced them man and wife.

The couple then left the court, and were seen walking down the beach. The Justice then turned to the audience and said: "The couple have been married, and I am sure they will be very happy."

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HERBERT AT THE NAVY-YARD.

He Will Authorize the Expenditure of \$300,000 for Repairs.

One Month to Be Spent on a Tour of General Inspection.

Preparations for the departure of the United States cruiser Cincinnati on her trial trip and the expected visit of Secretary Herbert caused a considerable stir at the Brooklyn Navy-Yard today. Early in the morning the Commandant of the yard received word that the Secretary would arrive between 10 and 12 o'clock, and everything was made ready to receive him.

The despatch boat Dolphin, with the Secretary on board, arrived shortly after midnight from Washington, and anchored off Quarantine. At 9:15 o'clock this morning she proceeded on her way to this city, and one hour later she arrived at the Navy-Yard.

The appearance of the despatch boat was the signal for the usual salute of seven guns from the yard. After the Dolphin had tied up, Admiral Gherardi, Commandant of the Yard, and his staff, Rear Admiral Mead, of the New York and his staff, boarded her and paid their respects to the Secretary.

When the Secretary reached the yard, he was met by the Marine band playing "Hail to the Chief," and he was escorted to the quarters of the Secretary, which were in the main building, drawn up in line, presented arms.

Secretary Herbert told an "Evening World" reporter that his visit to the Navy-Yard was the result of a suggestion made by the Government to inspect the work of the yard, and to see the progress of the repairs to the battleships.

"There is a surplus of \$300,000 for the repairs to the battleships," he said, "and I shall see that it is properly expended. I shall see that the work is done in a proper manner, and that the yard is properly managed."

Secretary Herbert said that the Cincinnati would not start on her cruise to-day, and that she was only to be used for a trial trip. He said that the yard was doing very well, and that the repairs to the battleships were progressing rapidly.

The Secretary was accompanied by the Chief Engineer, and by the Chief Clerk. He was also accompanied by the Chief of the Bureau of Naval Construction, and by the Chief of the Bureau of Naval Ordnance.

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